

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

12th November 2019

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 12th November 2019** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors L Monument (Chairman), A Brooks, C Bunting, H Bushell, H Clarke, P Duigan, A Grey, K Grey, S Green, H King, T Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: District Councillor A Webb, Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and Jack Cassidy from Dereham Saints Football Club.

98. **To receive any World War One centenary commemorations.**

On this centenary we remember:

Serjeant William Addison
1st Battalion – Norfolk Regiment
Died 14th November 1919 in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich

99. **To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

100. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned

Mr Jack Cassidy addressed the meeting explaining the problems that have been happening with regards to vandalism at the club hut and training ground of Dereham Saints Football Club. He said that when the club started it had very few members but they now had twelve teams including girl's teams. Mr Cassidy said that the Town Council has always been very supportive and for that he thanked them.

District Councillor A Webb said that starting in December there would be match funding grants available of up to £5000.

Breckland Council are in the process of contacting the owners of empty properties in an attempt to get them back in use to help combat homelessness.

Anglian Water has said that the sewerage system at Swanton Morley is not working at full capacity and sewerage is being tankered to Dereham until this can be rectified.

The enforcement on fly tipping is taking off really well.

Unightly sites – the owners of the Akaash Restaurant can no longer be contacted and the building is now back in the hands of the Yorkshire Building Society.

The meeting resumed

101. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor L Monument announced that she had attended the following events:

- 13th October 2019 - Civic Sunday at Trinity Methodist Church
- 10th November 2019 - Remembrance Sunday Parade
- 11th November 2019 - Remembrance Day

102. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council meeting** held on **Tuesday 8th October 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 8th October 2019 were agreed and signed.

103. **Recreation Committee**

- (a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor K Grey, seconded by Councillor P Duigan, the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2019 were agreed and signed.

- (b) To receive a report from the Chairman, discuss any matters arising therefrom and vote on recommendations.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council:

To discuss concerns raised regarding Lineside.

The Town Clerk writes to the resident concerned giving him advice that each incident should be logged and reported to Breckland antisocial behaviour team and the police. The Town Council would liaise with Breckland Council regarding any appropriate action.
The Town Council would erect signs forbidding motorcycles.

To discuss issues around adoption of Colin McLean Trust land near Dunlop Road.

The Clerk write to Breckland Council asking what action they are taking to get this land into public ownership and to confirm that the land is protected as public open space in perpetuity.

104. **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee**

- (a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, seconded by Councillor P Morton, the minutes of the Heritage and Open Spaces Committee meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2019 were agreed and signed.

- (b) To receive a report from the Chairman, discuss any matters arising therefrom and vote on recommendations.

The following recommendation was agreed and approved by the Council subject to minor amendments, entered in the minute book at the meeting:

To discuss Parish Partnership Projects.

The Council apply for the following three projects for the Parish Partnership Scheme:

1. A bus shelter on the south side of Norwich Road at the bus stop between the junction with Wheatcroft Way and the entrance to Etling Grange.
2. A bus shelter on the west side of Highfields, near house number 15, and almost opposite the junction with Warner Avenue.
3. To continue the project to surface Shillings Lane up to £3000.

105. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Planning** meetings held on **Tuesday 10th September 2019, Tuesday 8th October 2019** and **Tuesday 22nd October 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor S Green the minutes of the Planning meetings Tuesday 10th September 2019 and Tuesday 8th October 2019 and Tuesday 22nd October 2019 were agreed and signed.

106. **To receive and adopt the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid.**

Proposed by Councillor H Clarke, seconded by Councillor S Green, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed and signed.

107. **To consider any action to prevent further vandalism or theft from Dereham Saints' club house.**

Proposed by Councillor P Morton, seconded by Councillor A Grey, it was agreed that the Town Council would pay for stand-alone CCTV to be installed at Dereham Saints club house at a cost of £1169 also an intruder alarm costing approximately £621.

Councillors asked Mr Cassidy to report back to the Council advising if the CCTV and alarm were having the desired effect.

108. **To notify of correction in Standing orders.**

This was noted.

109. **To consider declaring a climate change emergency.**

Councillor A Brooks asked Councillors to consider declaring a climate change emergency and look into the possible changes that the Town Council could make in an attempt to become carbon free.

Proposed By Councillor K Grey seconded by Councillor P Morton and put to the vote it was agreed unanimously that a working group be assembled and a strategy be agreed within six months for costings. The working group would consist of Councillors T Monument, P Morton, A Brooks, P Duigan, H Clarke and C Bunting.

110. **To consider additional proposal for the Parish Partnership Scheme.**

Councillor C Bunting advised Councillors that he had been contacted by local residents who raised concerns about speeding vehicles on Hillcrest Avenue and

Stone Road.

Councillor C Bunting proposed applying for a Speed Survey; this would be eligible through the Parish Partnership Scheme. This was put to the vote and agreed.

111. **To consider obtaining barrister's opinion regarding the Dereham Transport situation and the Local Plan.**

Some Councillors raised concerns as to whether it would be a good thing for the Council to challenge the local plan, as it was felt that the District Plan as a whole was better for the Town than no Local Plan. Other Councillors felt that having the information would be beneficial even if it did not arrive in time to challenge the Local Plan or if the Council decided not to act on the information.

It was resolved that: The Council obtain Barristers Opinion regarding the Dereham Transport situation and the Local Plan. That once the information is received from the Barrister, it is circulated to all Councillors. The motion went to a recorded vote Councillors P Duigan, P Morton, H Clarke, A Brooks, C Bunting, S Green, L Monument and T Monument voted for the motion and Councillors K Grey, A Grey, H King and H Bushell opposed the motion, there were no abstentions

112. **To consider adopting outdoor playing space from Orbit Homes for the Greenfields Road Development.**

It was agreed that this item be referred to an additional Recreation committee meeting on the 3rd December 2019.

113. **To consider Breckland letter regarding sale of open spaces.**

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should chase up further clarification on the response letter from Breckland that has been requested but not yet received.

114. **To consider measures to complete the Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Clerk proposed a strategy for pushing the Neighbourhood Plan forward which would have involved cancelling non-essential committee meetings for November and January and replacing them with Local Plan working Group meetings. The Working group meetings would incorporate Breckland Council's comments and any additional policy ideas or community aspirations not already included. Then once the Plan was ready for the Reg 14 consultation, Rachel Leggett and Andrea Long be engaged to take the Plan through to submission.

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, seconded by Councillor H King, it was agreed to get a quote to engage Rachel Leggett and Andrea Long to work with the Local Plan Working Group to incorporate Breckland Council's comments and develop any additional policies or community aspirations, before taking the plan through the Reg 14 consultation.

115. **Exclusion of Press & Public**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument seconded by Councillor H King it was agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting on the grounds that the Business to be transacted is confidential and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest

116. **To consider recommendation from the interview panel for the appointment of Town Council Officer.**

Councillor H King proposed that Adele Austin be appointed for the post of Town Council Officer, seconded by Councillor K Grey and agreed.

Chairman